

Listing of Claims

1. (Previously Amended) A collaborative computing method for the establishment of a named collaborative space, the method comprising:

providing a templatable and provisionable named collaborative space to serve as a basis for establishing instances of named collaborative spaces, the templatable and provisionable named collaborative space defining a work place within the collaborative computing environment and configured to manage a plurality of business process components disposed within an instance of the named space in a one-to-many relationship;

provisioning an instance of the templatable and provisionable named collaborative space; identifying a membership set for the named collaborative space, the membership set including one or more members;

providing a plurality of business process component instances for management within the provisioned instance of the named collaborative space; and,

managing a common lifecycle for each of the provisioned instance of the named collaborative space and the business process components within the provisioned instance of the named collaborative space.

2. (Previously Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the business process component instances are business instance portlets.

3. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the members of membership set for the collaborative space are assigned a role, the role defining access and permission privileges to the at least one business process.

4. Cancelled.

5. (Previously Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the provisioned instance of the templatable and provisionable named collaborative space is provisionable from other provisioned instances of named collaborative spaces.

6. (Original) The method of Claim 2, further comprising transferring information between the business component instance and the named collaborative space, the information being transferred using an enterprise java bean.

7. (Original) The method according to Claim 1, further including assigning a policy to the named space.

8. (Previously Amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing a computer program which when executed performs a method for establishing a collaborative computing named collaborative space, the method comprising:

providing a templatable and provisionable named collaborative space to serve as a basis for establishing instances of named collaborative spaces, the templatable and provisionable named collaborative space defining a work place within the collaborative computing environment and configured to manage a plurality of business process components disposed within an instance of the named space in a one-to-many relationship;

provisioning an instance of the templatable and provisionable named collaborative space;

identifying a membership set for the named collaborative space, the membership set including one or more members;

providing a plurality of business process component instances for management within the provisioned instance of the named collaborative space; and,

managing a common lifecycle for each of the provisioned instance of the named collaborative space and the business process components within the provisioned instance of the named collaborative space.

9. (Previously Amended) The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 8, wherein the business process component instances are business instance portlets.

10. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 8, wherein the members of membership set for the collaborative space are assigned a role, the role defining access and permission privileges to the at least one business process.

11. Cancelled.

12. (Previously Amended) The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 8, wherein the provisioned instance of the templatable and provisionable named collaborative space is provisionable from other provisioned instances of named collaborative spaces.

13. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 9, wherein the method performed by the stored computer program when executed further includes transferring

information between the business component instance and the named collaborative space, the information being transferred using an enterprise java bean.

14. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 8, wherein the method performed by the stored computer program when executed further includes assigning a policy to the named space.

15. (Previously Amended) A system providing a named collaborative space in a collaborative computing environment, the system comprising a computer having:

a database, the database storing:

a membership set for a templatable and provisionable named collaborative space serving as a basis for the establishment of provisioned instances of the templatable and provisionable named collaborative spaces, the membership set identifying one or more members; and

data corresponding to a provisioned instance of the templatable and provisionable named collaborative space defining a place within the collaborative computing environment; and

a central processing unit functioning to provide plurality of business process component instances accessible within the provisioned instance of the templatable and provisionable named collaborative space in a one-to-many relationship, the central processing unit in operative communication with the database.

16. (Original) The system of Claim 15, wherein the at least one business process is a business instance portlet.

17. (Original) The system of Claim 15, wherein the database further stores role data, members of membership set for the collaborative space being assigned a role based on corresponding role data, the role data defining access and permission privileges to the at least one business process.

18. Cancelled.

19. (Previously Amended) The system of Claim 15, wherein the instance of the templatable and provisionable named collaborative space is provisionable from other provisioned instances of named collaborative spaces.